

CONDITIONS OF HIRE
FOR
EMERGENCY FIREFIGHTERS

1. You are being hired as an emergency firefighter (EFF) by an agency of the U.S. Government or the State of Alaska. These agencies are referred to in this document collectively as the "Government". Procedures or policies that refer to either the federal or state agencies are specifically addressed. The work is hard and shifts often exceed 12 hours. Prompt compliance with your supervisor's instructions at all times is essential and mandatory. You must be at least 18 years old and in good physical health (a physical examination may be required at the discretion of your supervisor). Close living conditions in incident camps require personal cleanliness. Personal hygiene must meet standards set by your supervisor, particularly your hair, which must be maintained in such a way that a safety hat can be properly worn.
2. Disclosure of your Social Security Number (SSN) or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) is mandatory. The U.S. Government requires a SSN for U.S. citizens or an ITIN for non-U.S. citizens. You will be ineligible for employment with the State if you fail to provide your SSN. The SSN is the primary reference for the gathering of earnings data in connection with lawful requests from other agencies (Internal Revenue Service or State agencies). The hiring agency alone has direct access to this information. SSN use is necessary because another individual may have a name identical to yours. Always provide **YOUR FULL LEGAL NAME** on your hiring documents, not nicknames.
3. You must have a current valid Government issued picture identification card (ID card) in your possession at the time of hire and for the duration of the assignment. Tribal or village/regional corporation ID card is not acceptable for travel purposes. You must also have documents that meet federal I-9 requirements to be hired.
4. Standard length for each assignment is 14 days, exclusive of travel time; however, this is not a guarantee of employment. The hiring agency or incident organization may release you at any time.
5. You are required to bring a sufficient supply of all necessary prescription medication for each incident assignment. Notify your regular Government supervisor of any potential life threatening medical conditions, i.e., allergic reactions to bee stings.
6. You will be paid at an hourly rate. The Office-in-Charge will advise you of the salary rate for your position.
7. Income tax will be withheld from your check. All pay as an EFF must be included as gross income for Federal Income Tax purposes. You may have to report it on your state income tax report, if applicable, in accordance with state instructions.
8. You will be given the opportunity to complete federal income tax withholding forms. Failure to complete the W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, will result in federal income tax withheld at the default tax rate (the highest withholding rate).
9. Alaska does not have a state income tax. If you wish income tax withheld for another state, you must provide the proper state income tax form to the Officer-in-Charge.
10. The U.S. Government will provide you the opportunity to complete a W-5, Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificate (EIC). EIC reduces the amount of tax you will owe, if you are eligible.
11. When you sign your time report, you are agreeing it is correct. Do not sign the report until you agree! Keep your time sheet copy until you are paid.
12. You can expect to receive payment within three to four weeks after the end of your employment period. The State of Alaska will mail your check to the address you provide on your hiring paperwork. Federal payments will be made either by Direct Deposit (if you complete the sign-up form) or Treasury check mailed to your address of record.
13. You are required to bring your own personal items to and from the incident in a single bag. The total weight of your bag cannot exceed 45 pounds for the entire duration of the assignment. Radios, "boom boxes," or other electronic gear must not exceed one pound. Individuals exceeding the personal gear weight limitation must leave excess weight items behind. The Government will not be responsible for these items. MINIMUM clothing requirements are listed in the Emergency Fire Fighter Crew Management Guide, Section IV.B.2.a-h.
14. When you are hired for incident assignment, whether or not you may be restricted to an incident camp or staging area is at the discretion of the Incident Commander, or local, regional, or agency policy. Your pay status will be determined by the Officer-in-Charge following Interagency Incident Business Management Handbook and/or the Alaska Incident Business Management Handbook, and the Emergency Firefighter Crew Management Guide.

15. Whenever the Officer-in-Charge decides it is necessary, the Government will furnish your meals and lodging without cost. You will not receive reimbursement for meals or lodging that you purchase, meals you do not accept, or when the Government is temporarily unable to furnish meals or lodging.
16. The Government will provide or pay for necessary transportation from the point of hire to the work location. The Government will also provide or pay for transportation back to the point of hire unless you are discharged for cause, quit without a good reason, or deviate your travel.
17. The cost of anything you buy from the commissary will be deducted from your check. The Officer-in-Charge may suspend your commissary privileges if purchases exceed wages earned, less tax withholding. Commissary purchases are included in your 45 pound weight limitation.
18. Designated Government property (such as hard hats, tools, sleeping bags, tents, nomex clothing, etc.) issued to you must be returned. If they are lost, destroyed, or left in bad condition, the cost of them may be deducted from your check.
19. Report any damage to or loss of your personal property to your supervisor before you leave the incident camp. The Government assumes no responsibility for loss of personal items not needed for incident assignment. Reimbursement may be limited to predetermined maximum dollar amounts per item.
20. The Incident Commander may approve paid days off for personnel assigned at the incident. During paid days off periods, the Crew Boss will remain in charge. You are obligated to adhere to any conditions that have been established governing paid days off situations. EFF are not entitled to paid days off at their point of hire.
21. Possession of firearms, marijuana, illegal drugs, and illegal use of a controlled substance is prohibited. Possession or any evidence of usage constitutes grounds for immediate discharge.
22. Possession, use, and/or being under the influence of intoxicating beverages while in pay status constitutes grounds for immediate discharge.
23. If you are fired, or you quit without good reason before your scheduled demobe, your pay will stop immediately. Additionally, the Interagency Resource Representative or Incident Commander will determine whether or not the Government will provide transportation back to the point of hire or pay you for this travel time. If not, you will be responsible for these transportation costs and/or the costs of personal needs during the waiting time.
24. If you are on active duty with the Armed Forces (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard) you are ineligible for U.S. Government EFF work. If you are on active duty with the Alaska National Guard you are ineligible for State of Alaska EFF work.
25. If you sustain an injury or become sick, report to your supervisor immediately.
26. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE OF ALASKA ARE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS. Unlawful discrimination or any kind of harassment will not be tolerated. (This includes behavior such as making threats, abusive language, slurs, unwelcome jokes, teasing and other such verbal or physical conduct.) Creating a hostile work environment will not be condoned. (This includes verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, making unwelcome sexual advances or requests for sexual favors, and unreasonably interfering with the work of others.)

I have read, or had read to me, and understand, the State of Alaska Exposure Control Plan, the Bureau of Land Management Exposure Control Plan, or the brochure entitled "Protecting Employees from Hepatitis A Virus, Hepatitis B Virus, and Human Immunodeficiency Virus" and realize by doing so I have fulfilled the Level 1 training requirement of the Blood-borne Pathogens Standard.

I have been provided the opportunity to complete income tax withholding forms.

I have read, or had read to me, and understand the above conditions and upon signing below, agree to abide by said conditions for the duration of this calendar year.

EFF'S PRINTED NAME

EFF'S SIGNATURE

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

HIRING OFFICIAL'S PRINTED NAME

HIRING OFFICIAL'S SIGNATURE

DATE